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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FRO CAIRO DATED JANUARY 13, 1978
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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VP MUBARAK ON MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING

1. IN MEETING WITH VP MUBARAK THIS MORNING, I ASKED HOW
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TALKS HAVE BEEN GOING. MUBARAK
SAID THEY HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE. GAMASY HAD REPORTED TO
HIM THAT EACH SIDE HAS PRESENTED ITS POSITIONS.

2. THERE HAD BEEN A DISCUSSION OF THE SIZE OF THE DEMILI-
TARIZED ZONE, BUT NOT IN ANY REAL DEPTH AND NO DECISIONS
HAD BEEN REACHED. WEIZMAN HAD STRONGLY ARGUED FOR
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RETENTION OF RAS AL-NAQB AIRDROME, NOTING IT IS THE MORE
IMPORTANT OF THE TWO ISRAELI AIRDROMES IN SINAI. ON
SADAT'S INSTRUCTIONS, GAMASY HAD REFUSED. WEIZMAN HAD
ALSO ARGUED FOR THE RETENTION OF AT LEAST ONE ISRAELI
SETTLEMENT IN SINAI. THIS HAD ALSO BEEN REFUSED BY
GAMASY.

3. MUBARAK NOTED THAT ISRAELI PURPOSE SEEMS TO BE TO TRY TO MAKE EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI AGREEMENT ON SINAI A "MODEL" FOR SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER ARAB STATES. HENCE, ISRAELI INTEREST IN RETAINING AT LEAST ONE SETTLEMENT AND SOME MILITARY POSITIONS.

4. WEIZMAN AND SEVERAL OF HIS SENIOR STAFF ARE LEAVING FOR JERUSALEM 1300 TODAY TO PARTICIPATE IN UPCOMING POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING. MUBARAK SAID WEIZMAN WANTS TO COME BACK TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, TO RESUME TALKS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW INCONCLUSIVE NATURE OF MILITARY TALKS TO DATE, SADAT HAS INSTRUCTED GAMASY TO DECLINE TO FIX A NEW DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE UPCOMING POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING CAN BE EVALUATED.

5. MUBARAK ALSO SAID SADAT HAS INSTRUCTED GAMASY TO INFORM WEIZMAN THAT GAMASY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN UPCOMING POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS. EILTS UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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